

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PETER ZONIS,

Plaintiff,

-v-

LIZZIE GRUBMAN et al.,

Defendants.

20-CV-7181 (JMF)

ORDER

JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

In light of the COVID-19 situation, the Court will not hold the upcoming conference in this case in person. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, the conference previously scheduled for January 12, 2021, is adjourned to **January 19, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.**, and will be conducted by telephone in accordance with Rule 2(A) of the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>. The parties should join the conference by calling the Court's dedicated conference line at (888) 363-4749 and using access code 542-1540, followed by the pound (#) key. (Members of the public and press may also attend using the same dial-in information; they will not be allowed to speak during the conference.) As stated in Rule 2(C)(ii) of the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, **no later than 24 hours before the conference**, counsel for Defendants shall send an email to the Court with a list of counsel who may speak during the teleconference and the telephone numbers from which counsel expect to join the call. More broadly, counsel should review and comply with the rules and guidance regarding teleconferences set forth in the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19.

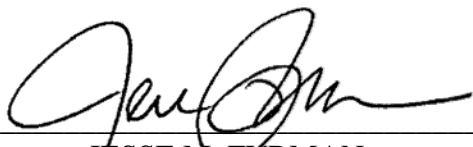
The parties should submit their pre-conference letters, as directed in the Court's earlier Scheduling Order, *see* ECF No. 17, no later than **January 12, 2021**. In their letters, the parties should also indicate whether they believe they can do without a conference altogether. If so, the Court may enter a case management plan and scheduling order, in which case the parties would need not appear for a telephone conference.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the Plaintiff. If the Plaintiff would like to receive future communications in this case electronically, he is encouraged to fill out the attached Consent to Electronic Service Form, which is also available on the Court's website at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/proseconsentecfnotice-final.pdf>, and to return it to the Pro Se Intake Unit. Additionally, in light of the current global health crisis, the Plaintiff is encouraged to submit all filings by email to

[Temporary\\_Pro\\_Se\\_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Temporary_Pro_Se_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov). Instructions for filing documents by email are attached to this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 4, 2021  
New York, New York

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JESSE M. FURMAN  
United States District Judge



**United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
*Pro Se Office***

## **Pro Se (Nonprisoner) Consent & Registration Form to Receive Documents Electronically**

Parties who are not represented by an attorney and are not currently incarcerated may choose to receive documents in their cases electronically (by e-mail) instead of by regular mail. Receiving documents by regular mail is still an option, but if you would rather receive them only electronically, you must do the following:

1. Sign up for a PACER login and password by contacting PACER<sup>1</sup> at [www.pacer.uscourts.gov](http://www.pacer.uscourts.gov) or 1-800-676-6856;
2. Complete and sign this form.

If you consent to receive documents electronically, you will receive a Notice of Electronic Filing by e-mail each time a document is filed in your case. After receiving the notice, you are permitted one “free look” at the document by clicking on the hyperlinked document number in the e-mail. Once you click the hyperlink and access the document, you may not be able to access the document for free again. After 15 days, the hyperlink will no longer provide free access. Any time that the hyperlink is accessed after the first “free look” or the 15 days, you will be asked for a PACER login and may be charged to view the document. For this reason, *you should print or save the document during the “free look” to avoid future charges.*

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Under Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Civil Rule 5.2, and the Court’s Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions, documents may be served by electronic means. If you register for electronic service:

1. You will no longer receive documents in the mail;
2. If you do not view and download your documents during your “free look” and within 15 days of when the court sends the e-mail notice, you will be charged for looking at the documents;
3. This service does *not* allow you to electronically file your documents;
4. It will be your duty to regularly review the docket sheet of the case.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) ([www.pacer.uscourts.gov](http://www.pacer.uscourts.gov)) is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from federal appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts, and the PACER Case Locator over the internet.

<sup>2</sup> The docket sheet is the official record of all filings in a case. You can view the docket sheet, including images of electronically filed documents, using PACER or you can use one of the public access computers available in the Clerk’s Office at the Court.



**United States District Court  
Southern District of New York**  
*Pro Se Office*

**CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

I hereby consent to receive electronic service of notices and documents in my case(s) listed below. I affirm that:

1. I have regular access to my e-mail account and to the internet and will check regularly for Notices of Electronic Filing;
2. I have established a PACER account;
3. I understand that electronic service is service under Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 5.2 of the Local Civil Rules, and that I will no longer receive paper copies of case filings, including motions, decisions, orders, and other documents;
4. I will promptly notify the Court if there is any change in my personal data, such as name, address, or e-mail address, or if I wish to cancel this consent to electronic service;
5. I understand that I must regularly review the docket sheet of my case so that I do not miss a filing; and
6. I understand that this consent applies only to the cases listed below and that if I file additional cases in which I would like to receive electronic service of notices of documents, I must file consent forms for those cases.

**Civil case(s) filed in the Southern District of New York:**

**Note:** This consent will apply to all cases that you have filed in this court, so please list all of your pending and terminated cases. For each case, include the case name and docket number (for example, John Doe v. New City, 10-CV-01234).

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Date	Signature
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**Return completed form to:**

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New York, NY 10007



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Southern District of New York**  
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## **INSTRUCTIONS: EMAIL PRO SE FILINGS**

### **How do I email documents to the Clerk's Office for filing?**

- **SIGN.** You must sign your document by either signing the document before you scan it or typing "/s/ [Your Name]." The Court will accept typed signatures in this format.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION.** The document must include your name, address, telephone number and email address (if available).
- **SUBJECT LINE.** For existing cases, the subject line of the email must read, "Pro Se Filing – XX-CV-XXXX." For new cases, the subject line of the email must read, "Pro Se Filing – New Case."
- **EMAIL** the PDF document to  
[Temporary Pro Se Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Temporary_Pro_Se_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov).

### **Can I start a new case by email?**

- **YES.** To start a new case, you may email your complaint to  
[Temporary Pro Se Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Temporary_Pro_Se_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov).
- In addition to emailing your complaint, you must either (1) email an application requesting that the fee be waived, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/node/838>, or (2) pay the filing fee of \$400. If you are paying the filing fee, add to the subject line, "Pro Se Filing – New Case – FEE PAID." Payment must be made within 21 days by certified check or money order, made out to Clerk, USDC, SDNY, and mailed to: Cashiers-Room 120, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007. The check must include the case number, which you can learn by calling (212) 805-0175.

### **Can I include any questions or information in my email?**

- **NO.** You must only include the attached document(s) for filing. No one will read messages in the body of the email and no one will respond to any questions.

### **Will someone respond to my email?**

- **NO.** This email address cannot respond to inquiries. The Clerk's Office will download the email attachment. This is a NO-REPLY email address. But you may call (212) 805-0175 to confirm that your documents were received. Please wait at least one week before calling.

### **Can I email the assigned judge instead?**

- **NO.** Any submission emailed to any other court email address will be disregarded by the recipient.

### **Can the Clerk's Office assist with scanning?**

- **NO.** If you are unable to email your documents, you must submit them by mail to the Pro Se Intake Unit.

### **Can someone email my documents for me?**

- **YES.** But please include your email address, if available, in the document. The Court will only communicate with the email address listed on the filed documents, and only if you have consented to receive court documents by email.

### **Can I receive court documents by email?**

- **YES.** Complete and email a signed [consent to electronic service](#) form.

### **Do I need to serve my adversary?**

- **NO.** After the document is emailed to the Court and electronically filed, your adversary will receive electronic notification of the filing.